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Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/60/L.12

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Request contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/60/L.12, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General to establish a programme of outreach on the subject of the "Holocaust and the United Nations" as well as measures to mobilize civil society for Holocaust remembrance and education, in order to help prevent future acts of genocide; to report to the General Assembly on the establishment of the programme within six months from the date of the adoption of the draft resolution; and to report thereafter on the implementation of the programme at its sixty-third session.

II. Relationship of the request to the programme of work for the biennium 2006-2007

2. The above-mentioned activities relate to programme 23, Public information, of the biennial programme plan for the period 2006-2007, and fall under section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007.

III. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to operative paragraph 6 of draft resolution A/60/L.12, the Department for Public Information would establish a programme of outreach

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activities on "Holocaust and the United Nations". It is also envisaged that an annual two-day seminar on the "Lessons of the Holocaust" would be held in New York.

IV. Estimates of additional resource requirements

4. The Department will require, under general temporary assistance, one Professional (P-3) and one General Service staff position for strategizing and for implementing the outreach programme in the many relevant areas of outreach, including non-governmental organizations, educational institutions and the general public.

5. In addition, it is envisaged that an annual seminar on the subject of "Lessons of the Holocaust" will be held in New York, beginning in 2007.

6. Accordingly, the total additional requirements are estimated at $345,200. The details of those requirements are as follows:

	United States dollars
General temporary assistance	273 700
Travel of participants	63 500
Supplies and miscellaneous services	8 000
Total	**345 200**

V. Contingency fund

7. It will be recalled that, under the procedure established by the General Assembly in its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the approved or proposed programme budget. Under the same procedure, if additional expenditures are proposed that exceed the resources available from the contingency fund, the activities concerned can be implemented only through the redeployment of resources from low-priority areas or modifications of existing activities. Otherwise, such additional activities must be deferred to a later biennium.

VI. Summary

8. **Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/60/L.12, additional resources in the amount of $345,200 would be required under section 27, Public information, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. This would represent a charge against the contingency fund and, as such, would require appropriation for the biennium 2006-2007.**